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weakness is Persia's strength," he said. He obviously counts on increasing divergencies between England and America.

5. The above-mentioned German businessman subsequently had several intimate conversations with Idris Bey, a functionary of the Central Office of the Arab League and a good friend of his. Idris Bey, although officially only an interpreter, seems to occupy an important position and to enjoy the confidence of Assam Pasha, the Secretary General of the League. According to Idris Bey the influence of the Mufti within the inner circle of the Arab League has weakened, but his prestige in the Arab world at large is still high. The leaders of the League, however, are worried about his secret activities, and his dangerous political intrigues, especially those that had to do with the assassination of King Abdullah. A sign of increasing suspicion, according to Idris Bey, is that the administration of the funds for the help of Arab refugees from Palestine was taken away from the Mufti, because he used it freely for his political purposes. Also the Mufti's connections with Moscow are suspected of being dangerous and implying a threat against the general line of the Arab League, which leads towards a "third position" between East and West rather than to taking sides with Russia, even against England. Idris Bey's German friend took special note that the expression "third force" was carefully avoided both by the Grand Mufti and Idris Bey.
6. According to Idris Bey, not only the relationship between the Mufti and the Arab League is in a critical condition, but also his personal relations to King Farouk. Farouk, on the one side, distrusts the Mufti and on the other, does not want to antagonize him because of his plan to be proclaimed one day Caliph of all Mohammedans. According to Idris Bey, this plan is dominant in Farouk's thinking.

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